BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: 3-2096

MAGI NO.: 0420965811 AREA: Cathedral Hill

Address: 415 North Charles Street

Current Name: American Heart Association of Central Maryland

Block: 566 Lot: 8

Height: 3

Condition: Good

Use: Educational Designation:

Lot size: 28 ft. x 120 ft.

Materials: Bakelite and limestone

Owner: American Heart Association Accessible: Yes, restricted Liber/Folio: WA 4023/225



Historic Name:

Date: 1931

Architect/Builder: Charles H. Reuwer, arch; Consolidated Engineering Co., builder

Style (if appropriate): Art Deco

Description: The first floor storefront is faced with black horizontal bakelite panels, framing a plate glass window and off-center modern aluminum and glass doorway. Aluminum also trims the top and bottom frame of the window. Above the first floor, the facade is limestone in a streamlined classical three-bay arrangement. Double panel pilasters with geometric tops separate the bays and diamond patterned incised panels are located between the floors. Relief medallions are centered above the two central pilasters. The facade terminates with a zig-zag course at the cornice line. The windows are 6-light paired casements with 4-light transoms.

Significance:

Area: architecture Level: local

The upper facade of 415 North Charles is a good local example of Art Deco architecture. While it is not an elaborate design, it incorporates many of the elements of the style: geometric modeling and motif, smooth plane exterior wall, and shallow relief ornamentation. The building is on the site of the Joshua I. Cohen House, an 1830 residence designed by William F. Small, who also designed the Archbishop's House and several other buildings in the Cathedral Hill area. The Cohen family occupied the house as a residence until 1928. It was demolished shortly thereafter for the construction of the present building.

BS 4-4-31; Arch. of Baltimore, Howland & Spencer, p. 82;

Sources: city directories.

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985

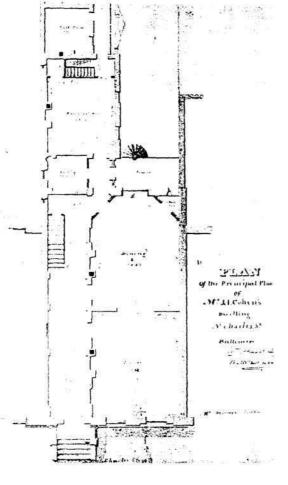
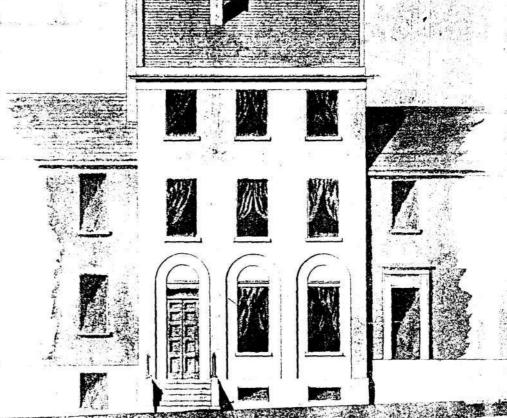
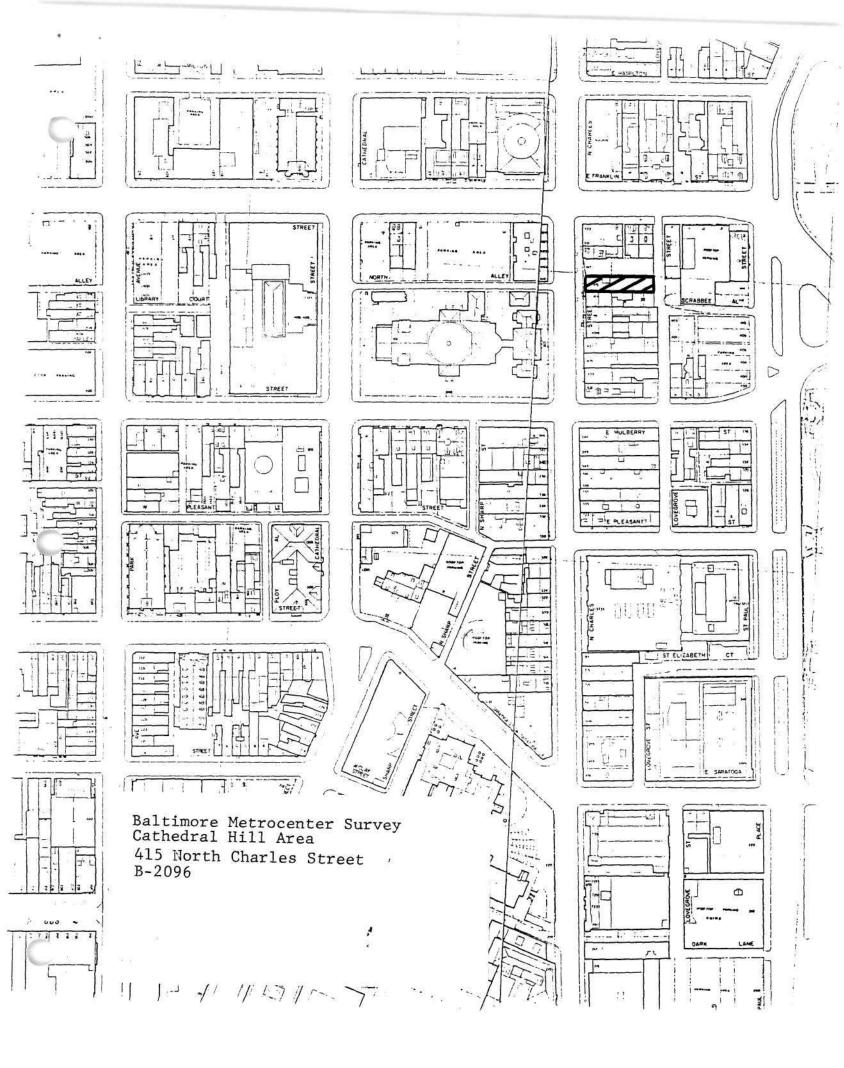


Plate 54. These original drawings by William Small in 1830 for the house of J. I. Cohen on North Charles Street show typical elements in the plan and elevation of a fashionable town house.



Joshua I. Cohen House on site of 415 North Charles Street B-2096

Skotch proposed for the Front of MI. - J' J' Cohen House





415 North Charles Street B-2096 Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey Baltimore (City), Maryland Photo: Janet Davis Date: August 1984 Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust West elevation

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This building of ashlar stone is three stories high and three bays wide. The first story is covered by black metal paneling. On the left of the facade is a glass double door with a one light transom. To its right is a large store window composed of two large pieces of sheet glass.

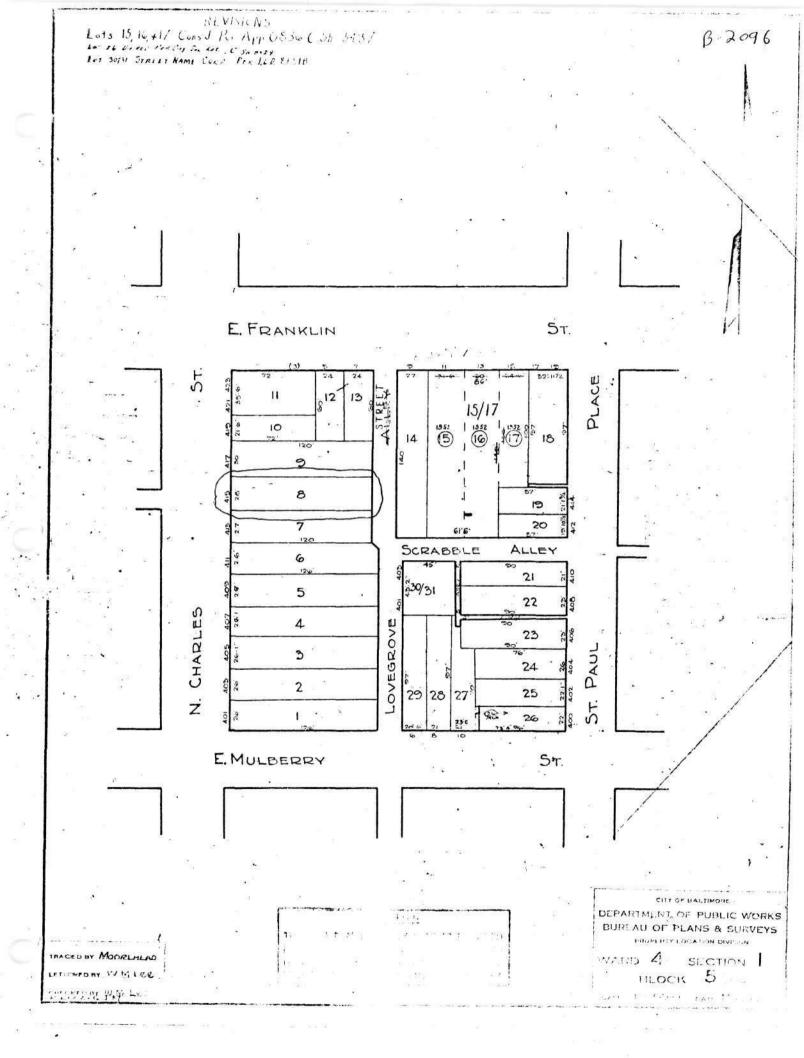
Above the metal paneling of the first story is a thick belt course. Each bay of windows in the second and third story windows is contained in flat-arched recesses. Windows of both floors are double casements with six lights; the transoms have four lights.

There are decorative, diamond-snaped incisions in the panels between the second and third story windows. Above the third story windows are rectangular panels containing a chevron motif.

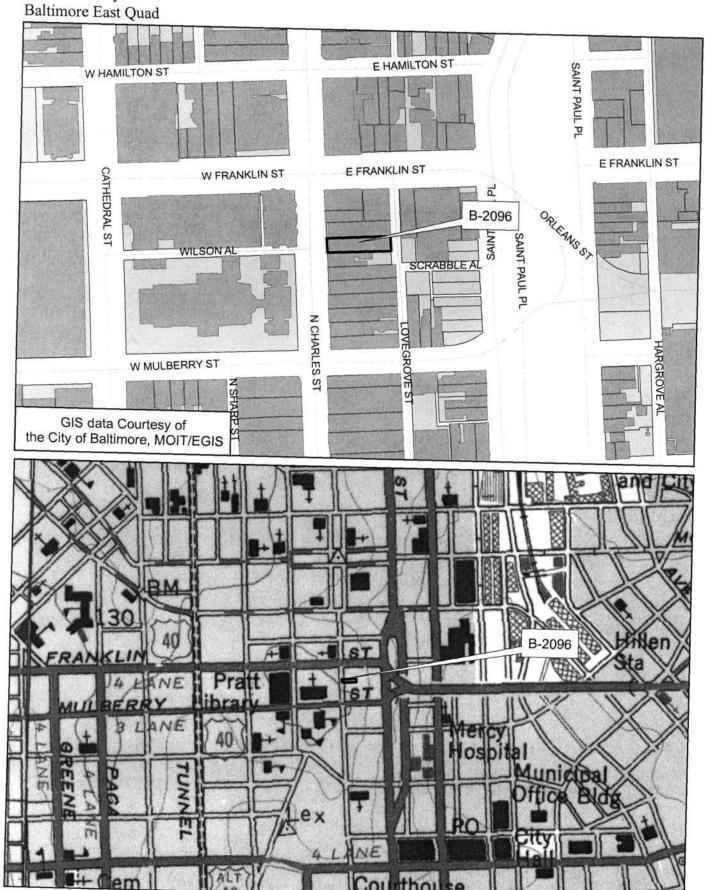
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